

## Northern Southeast Area Plan - October 2002

### Chapter 3: Management Policies for each Management Unit

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Unit ID/ Acres	Name	MTRS	Designation	Management Intent	Resources and Uses
H-16/ 7.12	Chilkat River Beaches, near Haines	C31s59e sec 3, 11	Ru - Public Recreation and Tourism- Undeveloped.	This parcel adjoins Chilkat Inlet south of the City of Haines. It is used by the community as a recreation site. A City of Haines recreation report (Plan for Public Use and Access, June 2001) recommends that this area be used 'primarily for recreational use'. It also recommends that motorized uses be prohibited in this unit. The City intends to use their Title 5 (Commercial Tour Permit Authority) to ensure that commercial tour use is restricted to state-owned lands. The site is level and there is fairly heavy use of the parcel during the summer. The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) reports one prehistoric site located in or near this unit: a prehistoric and historic Tlingit village. An anadromous stream passes through part of the parcel. The state has created an impoundment and fish ladders upstream of this unit on private land, in an attempt to enhance the runs of salmon. This parcel is to be managed as open space and used for dispersed recreational purposes. The parcel is to be retained by the state. Development on the unit is intended to be minimal and related to dispersed recreation if development occurs. A Special Use Designation (ADL 106859) affects this parcel; see Appendix D. The SUD limits the Generally Allowed Uses related to commercial recreation by stipulating a maximum number of clients per day per each commercial use and it precludes motorized uses. The installation of signs and natural looking barriers to stop motorized use is considered appropriate.	This parcel adjoins Chilkat Inlet south of the City of Haines. It is used by the community as a recreation site. A City of Haines recreation report (Plan for Public Use and Access, June 2001) recommends that this area be used 'primarily for recreational use'. It also recommends that motorized uses be prohibited in this unit. The City intends to use their Title 5 (Commercial Tour Permit Authority) to ensure that commercial tour use is restricted to state-owned lands. The site is level and there is fairly heavy use of the parcel during the summer. The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) reports one prehistoric site located in or near this unit: a prehistoric and historic Tlingit village. An anadromous stream passes through part of the parcel. The state has created an impoundment and fish ladders upstream of this unit on private land, in an attempt to enhance the runs of salmon.

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HT-13/ Haines	Chilkat River Beaches	c30s59e sec 299 30-34; c31s59e sec. 3	Ru Sd Public Recreation and Tourism-Undeveloped.	299	Manage the area of the Chilkat River beaches, specifically the area between Jones Point and Carr's Cove affected by the zoning designation of Recreation, for its recreational uses and values. Maintain the beaches natural character and low intensity public use. Allow low intensity commercial recreation uses consistent with the Special Use Designation; see Appendix D. Prohibit commercial motorized uses. Allow opportunities for shoreline development in areas of privately owned land, except for areas occupied by the Chilkat River beaches. Protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitats and opportunities for commercial, sport and community harvest.		Gravel beaches (granules to cobbles). Upland areas are zoned a mixture of residential, industrial, and recreation.

## APPENDIX D

### STATE OF ALASKA/DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, AND WATER DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL USE LANDS Within NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA PLAN ADL 106859

**1. AUTHORITY:** Pursuant to 11 AAC 96.010(a)(2) and 11 AAC 96.010(b), the following parcels, depicted on the plan maps of the Northern Southeast Area Plan and more specifically described in Chapter 3 of this plan, are designated as special use lands. This document outlines those activities that require an authorization within the designated areas.

Uplands and Tidelands near Haines:

- HT-01 (Lutak Inlet) T29S, R59E; sections 30, 31, and 32 (848 acres)
- HT-09 (Flat Bay) T31S, R60E; sections 29 and 32 (306 acres)
- HT-14 (Chilkat Inlet) T30S, R59E; sections 33 and 34; T31S, R59E, sections 3, 7, 13, 24, 25; and T31S, R60E; sec. 30 (526 acres)
- [HT-13 \(Chilkat River Beaches\) T30S, R59E; sections 29, 30, 32, 33 \(299 acres\)](#)
- H-07 (Flower Mountain) T29S, R54E (all sections; 23,040 acres)
- H-21 (Pyramid Island) T31S, R59E; sec. 10 (7 acres)
- H-23 (Kochu Island) T31S, R59E; sections 25 and 36 (53 acres)
- Tidelands on Kruzof Island:
- BT-22 “Shelikof Beach”, T54S, R61E, sec.29 (20 acres)

**2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Special Use Designation is to:

#### Haines Area:

- Maintain the use of the tideland parcels for use by the public, limit commercial recreation activities to small-scale commercial operations, and prohibit the use of motorized vehicles by commercial recreation operators.
- Maintain the use of the Flower Mountain area for use by the public and limit commercial recreation activities to small-scale commercial operations.

### **3. BACKGROUND:**

**Haines Area Parcels.** Tideland parcels situated near Haines have high habitat values and are heavily used for public recreation. The large upland parcel (Flower Mountain) is used by the public and small scale commercial recreation operations. The public asked during the preparation of the Northern Southeast Area Plan that these areas be protected from large-scale commercial recreation operations, that the current level and type of recreational activity continue, and that DNR prohibit motorized uses on high public use tideland tracts.

Under the current Generally Allowed Use of the Department of Natural Resources commercial operations providing recreation services on state land that occur on a daily (but not overnight) basis are allowed to occur without permit, pursuant to 11 AAC 96.010(a)(2). Such uses, if they are to be managed, must be excluded as a Generally Allowed Use. This SUD excludes certain forms of commercial recreation uses on state land, imposes restrictions on the way that these areas can be used for commercial recreation purposes in the Haines Area, and precludes motorized uses within portions of the Kruzof parcel.

### **4. USES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED or MAY BE ALLOWED THROUGH AUTHORIZATION WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS:**

#### Haines Area:

The following types of Commercial Recreation Operators<sup>2</sup> are excluded as a Generally Allowed Use and are either prohibited or may only be authorized by permit, except as noted.

- Tideland parcels. Commercial Recreation Operators (CRO) with more than 10 clients per day or using motorized vehicles are prohibited. Commercial Recreation Operators using non-motorized with 10 or fewer clients per day may be allowed, subject to authorization by DNR.

**6. DECISION:** It is my decision to designate those state lands described herein, and as more fully depicted on the plan maps of the Northern Southeast Area Plan, as special use lands in accordance with 11 AAC 96.010(a)(2) and 11 AAC 96.010(b). I find this decision consistent with the department's management authority and with the management intent for these parcels as described in this plan. In ninety days from the date of this designation, or by written notice of the designations before the end of the 90-day period, the activities described herein shall be managed according to the terms of this Special Use Designation.